Request for Economic Stimulus Funds
Concept Proposal

Submitters:

e-Health Sub-Committee (Votruba/Martinez/Ozanich)

Project Title:

HITECH--*Title XIII--(Sec. 13301, Subtitle B, Incentives for the Use of HIT, Sec. 3016)*

IT Professionals in Health Care

Project Partners:

State Universities, Regional Universities, KCTCS, Independent Colleges and Universities

Project Background & Purpose:

To provide assistance to institutions of higher education (or consortia thereof) to establish or expand medical health informatics education programs, including certification, undergraduate, and masters degree programs, for both health care and information technology students to ensure the rapid and effective utilization and development of health information technologies (in the United States health care infrastructure). In providing assistance under subsection (a), the Secretary (HHS) shall give preference to the following: (1) Existing education and training programs. (2) Programs designed to be completed in less than six months.

Project Description:

To coordinate activities between higher education institutions to maximize grant support and develop curricula for the training of health and medical informatics professionals.   Provided assistance may include the following:

(1) Developing and revising curricula in medical health informatics and related disciplines.

(2) Recruiting and retaining students to the program involved.

(3) Acquiring equipment necessary for student instruction in these programs, including the installation of testbed networks for student use.

(4) Establishing or enhancing bridge programs in the in the health informatics fields between community colleges and universities.

Project Team Leaders:

Sub-Committee Members representing their respective university

<u>Project Budget & Amount of Economic Stimulus Funds Requested</u>:

Varies by institution and program, possible aggregate range $6M-8M